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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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DO YOU *FEEL* IT, NORMAN? THE GOBLIN SERUM COURSING THROUGH YOUR VEINS?

YOU HAVE *NO IDEA* WHAT YOU'VE *DONE*, *OCTAVIUS...*

OH YES I *DO.*

I'M SHOWING THEM ALL YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED *A BIT...*

...THAT UNDER IT ALL, YOU'RE STILL A *VILLAIN.*

Heh. Heh heh.

YES...LET YOURSELF GO.

LET THE GOBLIN OUT...

HA! HA HA HA HA!

YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME, OTTO!

BECAUSE YOU'RE AN *IDIOT.*

WH-WHAT?!

TH-THAT WAS ENOUGH *GOBLIN SERUM* TO TURN AN *ELEPHANT!*

AND I ALREADY HAVE *DOUBLE* THAT RUNNING THROUGH MY VEINS.

MY BODY HAS ABSORBED A *MASSIVE* AMOUNT OVER THE YEARS. IT'S *TEEMING* WITH IT. I LEARNED TO MANAGE ITS EFFECTS *LONG AGO.*

IMPOSSIBLE...

IMPOSSIBLE THAT I BECAME THE GREEN GOBLIN NOT BECAUSE OF THE SERUM BUT BECAUSE OF THE EVIL *INSIDE* ME?

AN EVIL THAT HAS BEEN *CLEANSED.* AN EVIL A BUFFOON LIKE YOU COULD NEVER DREAM OF RESURRECTING.

DO NOT CALL ME A--

CRACK!

--BUFFOON!

THOK

IF YOUR INTELLIGENCE WERE EQUAL TO MINE, YOU WOULD NOT BE AT MY *MERCY.*

Hnng!

MERCY THAT HAS COME TO AN *END!*

PETER PARKER HAS THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A ***SPIDER***, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED ***"SPIDER-SENSE"!*** AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF HIS UNCLE BEN, PETER PARKER UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. HE BECAME THE CRIMEFIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

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DOC OCK HAS KIDNAPPED NORMAN OSBORN! With no leads on how to find his boss, Spider-Man has done the unthinkable and connected with Doc Ock's old arms via spinal interface to have them lead him to Otto.

Meanwhile, Doc Ock revealed that his motivations for kidnapping Norman stemmed from Norman's time as Green Goblin. Faulting Osborn for ending his time as the Superior Spider-Man, Doc Ock has now decided to just kill Norman.

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SO, YOU KNOW WHERE OTTO'S KEEPING NORMAN?

THE *ARMS* KNOW. SO I DO TOO.

WE'RE EXCHANGING INFORMATION THROUGH THE *SPINAL INTERFACE.* IT FEELS WEIRD...BUT MY BODY ADJUSTED TO IT WHEN OTTO TOOK UP SHOP IN MY BODY.

YOU *DO* LOOK COMFORTABLE IN THOSE THINGS.

MAYBE *TOO* COMFORTABLE.

YOU DARE QUESTION *ME, YOU DOLT?!*

I SHOULD PROBABLY GET GOING.

YEP, BETTER WRAP THIS UP AND GET OUT OF THOSE THINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AGREED...

...BECAUSE I'M AFRAID I COULD GET *USED* TO THIS.

gwarble

gwarble

I HAD HOPED TO TAKE *EVERYTHING* FROM YOU, NORMAN.

YOUR *EVIL SCHEMES.*

THIS SILLY IDEA YOU'D REFORMED...

BUT YOU TOOK THAT AWAY FROM ME BY BEING THE MOST BORING, *PATHETIC* VERSION OF YOURSELF I'VE EVER SEEN.

GUH...

SO NOW ALL I CAN DO IS *TAKE YOUR LIFE!* LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE *HYPER-VOLTAGE COIL* POWERING MY LAB.

O-OTTO, WAIT...

I DON'T THINK I WILL! BECAUSE YOU DID THE ONE THING I'D ONLY ADMIT TO SOMEONE I WAS ABOUT TO KILL...

...YOU *OUTSMARTED* ME.

OTTO! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD *HIDE* YOUR LAB FROM *ME*?!

PUT. HIM. DOWN.

YOU PRESUME TO GIVE ORDERS TO ME?!

I WILL NOT RELEASE OSBORN UNTIL--

W-WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! *DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!*

HOW ARE YOU CONFUSING MY OCKTOIDS?!

MAYBE THEY RECOGNIZE THE VOICE OF *TRUE AUTHORITY.*

WH-WHY DO YOU SOUND LIKE *THAT?*

LIKE... *ME.*

YOU DIDN'T...

YOU DID...

YOU SPINE-LOCKED WITH MY ARMS!

I DID! THE *DIE* IS *CAST!*

CLANG

BAH! YOU'RE A *CHILD* PLAYING WITH A *GUN!* YOU'RE GOING TO *HURT YOURSELF!*

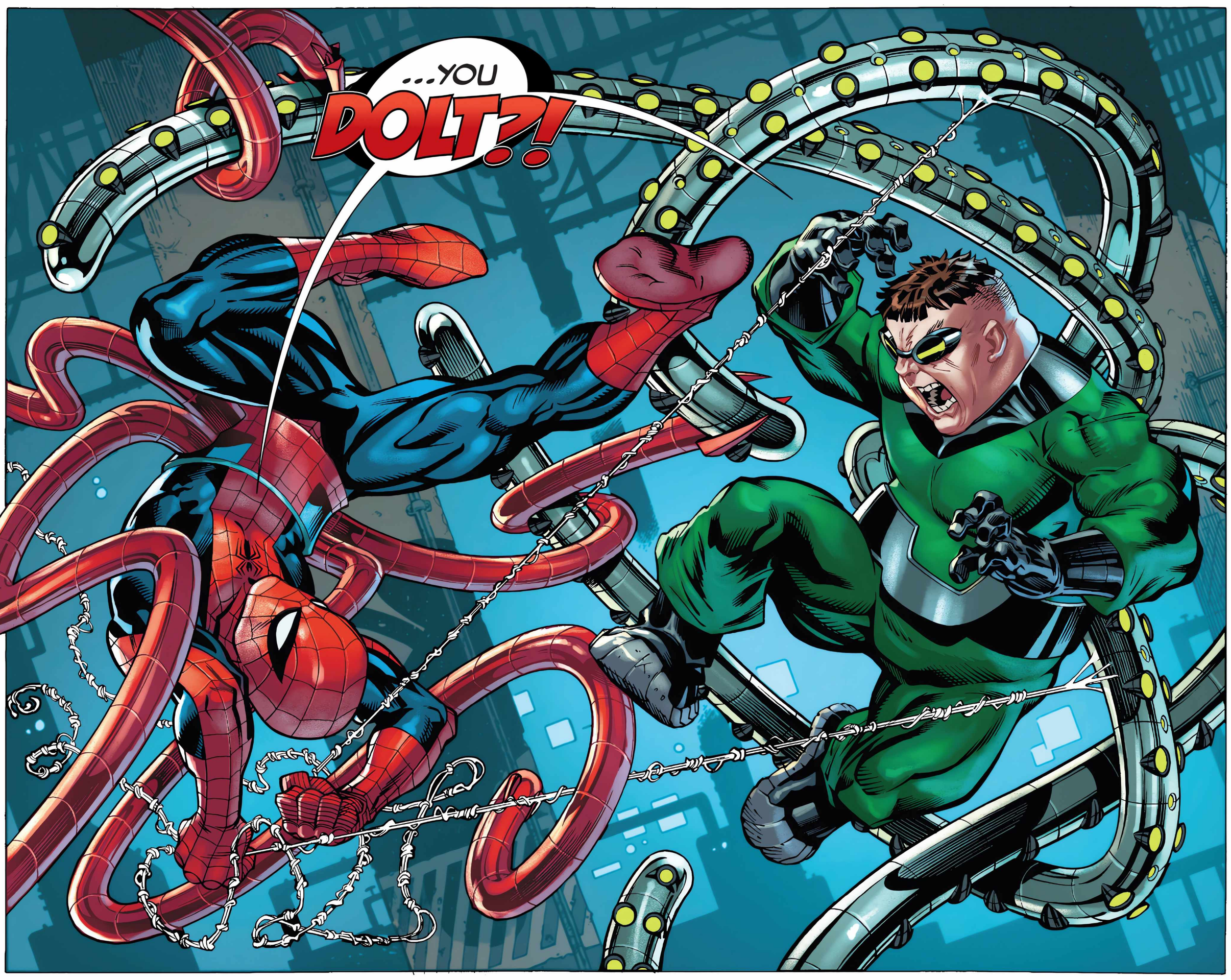
HA! I DON'T THINK SO! THANKS TO YOU, THIS IS ALL *MUSCLE MEMORY.*

WE WILL SEE WHO IS TRULY *SUPERIOR.*

YOU CANNOT OUT-OCTOPUS ME, *DOLT!*

WE SHALL SEE, DOLT!

WHO ARE YOU CALLING DOLT...


...YOU
DOLT?!

YOUR MECHANICAL ARMS WERE THE *ONLY* REASON YOU WERE EVER A THREAT, OTTO.

THEY GAVE YOU AN *ADVANTAGE.*

AND THAT *ADVANTAGE* IS *GONE!*

HA...

YOU THINK THE OCTOPUS TAKES ITS PREY BY *RAW POWER?*

FOOL!

YOU'VE ONLY FALLEN INTO MY TRAP!

Hnnng...

ZZZT

ZZZT

DON'T BE ASHAMED OF YOUR FATE, SPIDER-MAN.

YOU'VE BEEN *HARVESTED* BY AN *APEX PREDATOR.*

MAYBE Y-YOU GOT ME...BUT I'VE *GOT YOU TOO.*

IF I TOUCH THAT COIL...WE *BOTH* FRY...

YES, IF ONLY I'D TAKEN THE TIME TO PLAN FOR THAT.

OCKTOIDS! DETACH!

NOW I HAVE ONLY TO *WATCH* MY INVENTION SEAL YOUR FATE.

Y-YOU'RE GONNA BREAK YOUR NEW TOY, OTTO.

A SMALL PRICE TO PAY!

WHA--?

CLRCH

ARMS DETACHING... TELLING ME TO SAVE MYSELF...

NO!

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.

WE'RE GONNA BEAT HIM-- TOGETHER!

THIS IS WHY I WILL ALWAYS WIN.

I WILL SACRIFICE ALL TO DESTROY MY ENEMIES.

NO PRICE IS TOO GREAT FOR MY REVENGE.

AND MY OCKTOIDS ARE PERFECT UNITS OF MYSELF.

THEY WILL GLADLY DESTROY THEMSELVES FOR MY FURY.

HNNNG...

YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE TOUCHED MY THINGS, SPIDER-MAN.

AND *YOU* SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET GO OF THEM...

...BECAUSE NOW THERE'S *NOTHING STOPPING ME!*

KRAK

OAAH!

OCKTOIDS! PROTECT ME!

I HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED HAVING THE UPPER HAND... BECAUSE NOW I HAVE *FOUR OF THEM!*

TOO SLOW, OTTO.

YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME.

--GAK!

IT MUST TAKE A LOT OF CONCENTRATION TO KEEP A BUNCH OF LITTLE *YOUS* WORKING TOGETHER...

...AND I'M NOT GONNA GIVE YOU THAT CHANCE!

S-sTOP... I c-CAN'T... B-BREATHE...

WHAT A *PITY*...

--GAK.

WHOA!

SPIDER-MAN! STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

HUH?

--KAK.

OTTO?

K-K--

OOPS.

GUH.

MAYBE HELP ME OUT OF THESE THINGS? I THINK THEY MIGHT BE A BAD INFLUENCE.

ON IT.

GAAAH!

THWAK!

ZZZ

SPIDER-MAN! THE OCKTOIDS!

OH NO...

THEY'VE GOT OTTO!

gwarble

gwarble

SLAM!

HE'S IN THE TUNNELS!

bzzt bzzt

NICE TRY. WE'RE SPLITTING UP.

LET'S MOVE, PEOPLE!

LATER...

GO EASY ON YOURSELF. THOSE TUNNELS WERE *DESIGNED* FOR OTTO TO ESCAPE.

THAT'S EXACTLY IT. IN THE END, *HE GOT ME.*

NO...HE *ESCAPED.* HE *WANTED* BOTH OF US *DEAD.*

HE DIDN'T *GET* EITHER OF US.

IN FACT, I THINK HE GAVE THE BOTH OF US A GIFT...

...A MUCH NEEDED DISTRACTION.

FROM KAMALA.

YES. IT'S FUNNY, IN MY DAYS OF *EVIL*, I NEVER CONSIDERED THE PEOPLE I HURT. THE ONES I LOST. BUT NOW...

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THINGS SHE DID. ONE TIME I HAD COFFEE BROUGHT TO THE LAB, AND WHEN SHE HANDED ME MINE SHE SAID, "LARGE COFFEE, EXTRA SERUM." IT WAS A TERRIBLE JOKE, AND SHE WAS INSTANTLY EMBARRASSED...

...BUT AFTER THAT, EVERY TIME I ORDERED A COFFEE I WOULD ASK FOR "EXTRA SERUM" AND WE WOULD BOTH SMILE.

I KNOW SHE WAS THERE TO CATCH ME IN SOME NEFARIOUS PLOT, BUT I LIKED HER. AND I THINK SHE LIKED ME.

BECAUSE SHE WAS *GOOD*. AND GOOD IS SO MUCH MORE *INTERESTING* THAN EVIL.

RABIN THOUGHT HIS *EVIL* MADE HIM A *GOD*, BUT IT ONLY MADE HIM *BLIND*. NOTHING HE SAID IS WORTH PONDERING OR REPEATING.

BUT KAMALA MADE ME SMILE EVERY TIME I HAD A COFFEE, AND SHE BROUGHT DOWN RABIN'S ENTIRE PLAN BY SAVING *ONE LIFE*.

AND SO MAYBE WE CAN TAKE OUR MIND *OFF* ALL THE EVIL FOR A MOMENT. BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE IT HAS THAT MUCH POWER.

IN THE HEIGHT OF MY MADNESS I THOUGHT THE NATURAL STATE OF HUMANITY WAS TO EXPLOIT AND ABUSE EACH OTHER.

BUT IT SEEMS IF TWO PEOPLE SPEND ENOUGH TIME TOGETHER, THE MUCH GREATER RISK IS THAT THEY WILL BECOME *FRIENDS*.

I GUESS IT HELPS IF ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IS *KAMALA KHAN*.

HA. I GUESS IT DOES, PETER.

I GUESS IT DOES.

END.

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GET READY, WEB-HEADS! Next issue is AMAZING SPIDER-MAN LGY #925 and it's got everything! BACHELOR PARTY? CHECK! WEDDING? CHECK! TWISTS? CHECK! TURNS? CHECK! TEASES? CHECK! Don't miss this landmark issue that not only lays out the next year of Spider-Publishing but also delivers some contenders for best Spidey story OF ALL TIME!!!

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